

Love For The Gentiles

²⁹ Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. ³⁰ And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. ³¹ So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

³² And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, " I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." ³³ The disciples said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in this desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?" ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish." ³⁵ And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; ³⁶ and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

³⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. ³⁸ And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan. Matt 15:29-39

I. Love For The Hurting (vs. 29-31)

- A. This takes place in the **GENTILE** region of Decapolis. (Mk. 7:31)
- B. Jesus heals **THOUSANDS** over **THREE** days. (vs. 32,38)
- C. Their pagan gods **NEVER DID** what Jesus did. ("Marvel"; vs. 31)
- D. The One True God has no **COMPETITION**.

II. Love For A Desperate Crowd (vs. 32-39)

- A. This is not a **RETELLING** of the Feeding of the 5000. (Mtt. 14:14-21)
- B. Jesus **CONFIRMS** both of these miraculous feedings. (Mtt. 16:9-10)
- C. Jesus uses available **RESOURCES** and **PEOPLE** to accomplish His will.
- D. Are **YOU AVAILABLE** to be used by the Lord?
- E. Where do you **SERVE** in the **CHURCH**?